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# THE NUTCRACKER



**MARYVILLE-ALEOIA CIVIC BALLET**  
**KNOXVILLE CIVIC AUDITORIUM**

Dec. 1st - 1978

### The MARYVILLE-ALCOA CIVIC BALLET, Inc.

The Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet has grown since its inception in 1972 to three separate compagnes with members from elementary school age through post-college. The company has performed a number of the classics, including "Giselle", "Coppelia", "Romeo and Juliet", "La Sylphide", "Swan Lake", and "The Nutcracker" plus two original ballets "Hill Heritage Suite" and "Our America Is". The studios are located on the Maryville College Campus and college credit may be obtained for dance classes.



#### SENIOR COMPANY

Front row, l. to r.- Linda Barham, Tara Payne, Lori Ann Crothers  
2nd row- Ruth Schoff, Amy Moore, Barbara Fouché, Anne McCall  
3rd row- Elaine Armfield, Nicole Hull, Yvette Herzbrun



#### JUNIOR COMPANY

Front row, l. to r.- Rebecca Shope, Michelle Pratt, Carole Blankenship, Donna Roberts. (Back row) Christi Watkins, Cindy Rauhuff, Luciana Lasagna, Beth Lewis, Melissa Carrington. Not pictured- Karen Brotherton



#### APPRENTICE COMPANY

Front row, l to r.- Lana Fox, Kerri Blankenship, Karen Brotherton, Shelly Stephens. (Back row) Angela Beckwith, Susan McDowell, Cathy Gregory, Lisa Reeder, Tina Simpson

#### AUXILIARY ACTORS

Craig Hurst, John Carrington, Scotty Walker, David Emberton, Ray Barham, Jay Ahmad, Mike Akard

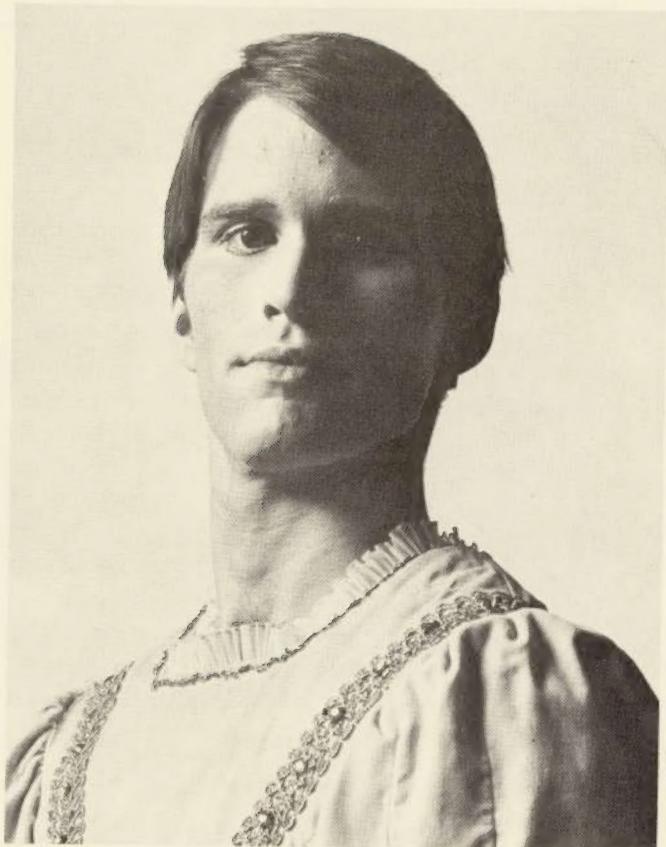
## GUEST DANCERS

### JAMES WERT

Mr. Wert has danced with the Dayton Ballet Company, Von Oettigen Ballet, the Cincinnati Opera, the Dayton Opera and the Pittsburg Ballet Theatre. His repertory includes Escamillo in "Carmen," the Cavalier in "The Nutcracker," "Swan Lake," "Coppelia," "Cinderella," "The Prodigal Son," "Romeo and Juliet," and "La Sylphide." He has also danced on PBS television as the Russian in the Pittsburg Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." In addition, he has danced in several operas, including "Faust," "Aida," "Lucia di Lammermoor," and "The Merry Widow."

He is a new member of the faculty of Van Metre School of Dance at Maryville College.

Mr. Wert is a resident of Sevierville, Tenn. and will be available for other guest performances in this area.



### ROBERT MARCH

Now a professional dancer in New York, Robert began his dancing career in Maryville as a student of Cheryl Van Metre while at Maryville College. After leaving Maryville, he studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts, then went to New York where he studied at the Harkness House of Ballet Arts. He was the lead dancer of Ballet Mellie Iran, the National Company of Iran and is now dancing professionally and doing choreography in New York. He has studied under Melissa Hayden, Richard Rapp, Stanley Williams and at the School of American Ballet, official school of New York City Ballet. He has danced many major roles, including the Waltz Boy in George Balanchine's "Serenade," the Court Jester and the Pas de Trois from "Swan Lake," the first Cadet in "Graduation Ball," the peasant pas de deux from "Giselle," the fiance in "Miss Julie," and in the "Grey Goose of Silence," a Canadian folk ballet. Robert was the original Witch Boy in "The Witch Boy of Bald Mountain." He has partnered Lisa Bradley, principal dancer with the Joffery Ballet in the grand Pas de Deux from The Nutcracker and appeared in several command performances for the Shah and Empress of Iran.

**THE NUTCRACKER**  
A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS BALLET IN TWO ACTS

Music by Tchaikovsky

Story by Lev Inanov

Choreography by Cheryl Van Metre

ACT I.

The family of Dr. Stahlbaum is entertaining guests on Christmas Eve. Their children, Clara and Fritz, are excited about the Christmas gifts and party atmosphere. A knock is heard at the door and Herr Drosselmeyer, the local toymaker, enters. Among the gifts he has brought for the children are two beautiful dolls which dance. He gives Clara a Nutcracker soldier which he has made. Fritz becomes jealous, grabs the toy, and in the scuffle, the Nutcracker is broken. Herr Drosselmeyer binds his head back with a handkerchief, and the children are sent up to bed as the guests depart. The house grows dark. Clara tiptoes into the parlor to take a last look at the presents. She hears the clock strike and looks in amazement as it flaps its wings like an owl. Then a large mouse scurries across the room, looking for crumbs from the party. The tree grows larger . . . and larger . . . and larger. Soon there are more mice, knowing at everything. The toy soldiers come to life and fight the mice. As Clara shivers with fear on the sofa, the Mouse King enters and fights with her beloved Nutcracker, now grown quite large. As the Mouse King triumphs, Clara hits him with her shoe, ending his power over the Nutcracker. Clara sees that her Nutcracker has become a marvelous Prince, who invites her to go with him to the Land of The Sweets. First they must pass through the Kingdom of Snow, where they meet the Snow King and Queen and the Snowflakes.

<b>CLARA</b> .....	Linda Barham
<b>FRITZ</b> .....	Ray Barham
<b>DR. STAHLBAUM</b> .....	Chris Ford
<b>MRS. STAHLBAUM</b> .....	Cindy Cole
<b>HERR DROSSELMAYER</b> .....	Victor Schoen
<b>HIS APPRENTICE</b> .....	Mary McDowell
<b>GUESTS</b> .....	Donna Roberts, Micheal Dunn, Elaine Armfield, Allen Evitts, Nicole Hull, Carl Swenson
<b>CHILDREN</b> .....	Cathy Gregory, Angie Beckwith, Karen Brotherton, Susan McDowell, Tina Simpson, Lisa Reeder, Jay Ahmad, Mike Akard, David Emberton, Scott Walker, John Carrington, Craig Hurst
<b>MAID</b> .....	Carole Blankenship
<b>TOY DOLL</b> .....	Rebecca Shope
<b>SOLDIER DOLL</b> .....	Beth Lewis
<b>TOY SOLDIERS</b> .....	Cindy Rauhuff, Melissa Carrington, Susan McDowell, Lisa Reeder, Beth Lewis
<b>MICE</b> .....	Shelly Stephens, Rebecca Shope, Karen Brotherton Kerri Blankenship, Angie Beckwith
<b>MOUSE KING</b> .....	Allen Evitts
<b>NUTCRACKER PRINCE</b> .....	James Wert
<b>SNOW QUEEN</b> .....	Amy Moore
<b>SNOW KING</b> .....	Robert March
<b>SNOWFLAKES</b> .....	Tara Payne, Barbara Fouche, Lori Ann Crothers, Michelle Pratt, Ruth Schoff, Nicole Hull, Carole Blankenship, Ann McCall
<b>PAGE WITH THE SLEIGH</b> .....	Rebecca Shope

(INTERMISSION)

## ACT II

Clara and the Nutcracker Prince enter the Land of the Sweets, where they are greeted by the Sugarplum Fairy, who welcomes them and commands that a special throne be brought for them and entertainments provided. The refreshments are served up as dances: Chocolate is a Spanish dancer; Coffee is from Arabia; Tea from China; then the Marzipan candies and a Russian dancer furnishes some fun. Next comes big Mother Ginger with her Polichinelles (little clowns) who appear as a surprise, followed by the candy Flowers. After these entertainments comes the grandest of all when the Sugarplum Fairy consents to dance with the Nutcracker Prince. But all good things must come to an end and the Nutcracker Prince gently takes the sleepy Clara to the tiny sleigh which will take her back to her home and her bed, where she will continue her dreams of Sugarplums on Christmas Eve.

<b>SUGARPLUM FAIRY</b>	.....	Yvette Herzbrun
<b>NUTCRACKER PRINCE</b>	.....	James Wert
<b>CHOCOLATE</b>	.....	Ruth Schoff
<b>COFFEE</b>	.....	Elaine Armfield
<b>ATTENDENTS</b>	..... Cindy Rauhuff, Christi Watkins, Cathy Gregory, Melissa Carrington	
<b>TEA</b>	.....	Lori Ann Crothers, Chris Ford
<b>MARZIPAN</b>	.....	Barbara Fouche, Michelle Pratt, Tara Payne
<b>RUSSIAN DANCER</b>	.....	Robert March
<b>MOTHER GINGER</b>	.....	Cindy Cole, Micheal Dunn
<b>CLOWN CHILDREN</b>	..... Karen Brotherton, Angie Beckwith, Shelly Stephens, Susan McDowell, Kerri Blankenship	
<b>WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS</b>	..... Ruth Schoff, Nicole Hull, Barbara Fouche, Amy Moore, Donna Roberts, Ann McCall, Beth Lewis, Luciana Lasagna, Carole Blankenship, Tara Payne, Lori Ann Crothers, Michelle Pratt	
<b>CLARA</b>	.....	Linda Barham
Understudy for Snowflakes	.....	Beth Lewis
Understudies for Waltz of the Flowers	.....	Karen Brotherton, Rebecca Shope

Choreography for Marzipan by Anne McCarthy  
Choreography for Chocolate was taught to Miss Armfield at Butler University  
The Grand Pas de Deux was staged by James Wert

## PRODUCTION STAFF

<b>ARTISTIC DIRECTOR</b>	.....	Cheryl Van Metre
<b>TECHNICAL DIRECTOR</b>	.....	David Styles
<b>SCENERY DESIGNER</b>	.....	Ernie Foster
<b>LIGHTING DESIGNER</b>	.....	Robert Hutchison
<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS</b>	.....	Mitchell Van Metre, Don Tosh
<b>COSTUME DESIGNERS</b>	.....	Deborah Huffman, Marilyn Lewis
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<b>TICKET COORDINATOR</b>	.....	Cindy Cole

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**Cheryl Van Metre**  
**Artistic Director**

Studied at Academia de Danza in Mexico City; Teacher's Training School, Royal Academy of Dance, London; The International Ballet Seminar, Copenhagen...holds Advanced Teaching Certificate from Dance Educators of America...has choreographed over a dozen major ballets... Past-President of Tennessee Association of Dance, Chairman of Dance Panel Tennessee Arts Commission, 1973-75, Chairman of the Tennessee Bicentennial Ballet Project. Operates Van Metre School of Dance on the Maryville College campus where college credit may be obtained for dance classes.



**David Styles**  
**Technical Director**

Technical Director for Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet has worked on every major production since the formation of the company. Mr. Styles graduated from Maryville College with a major in Theatre Arts; did graduate work at The University of Tennessee where he appeared in several Carousel Theatre Productions and was Business and Promotion Manager one summer for Hunter Hills Theatre. Mr. Styles was Technical Director for Carthage College Theatre Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, for 2 years; Crew Chief for WSJK-TV; and is presently Television Director-Producer for Alcoa Elementary School, Alcoa, Tennessee.

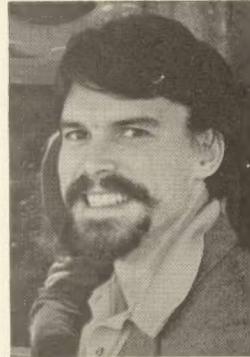


**Robert Hutchison**  
**Lighting Designer**

Has worked on more than 75 theatrical productions during the past 10 years with amateur theater groups in Columbus, Ga., Scranton, Pa., and Maryville, Tenn.

Mr. Hutchison is employed as a photographer for WSJK TV in Knoxville, where he has worked on numerous films for both local and national use on the Public Broadcasting System Network.

Many of Mr. Hutchison's photographs, including several of Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet, have won awards in international photo exhibitions.



**Ernie Foster**  
**Set Designer**

Scenic Designer for Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet, has designed and painted scenery for the company's productions of the "Nutcracker", "Coppelia", and the tavern drop in "Carmen". Mr. Foster has appeared in productions at U.T.'s Hunter Hills Theatre, and Maryville College Theatre, where he also served for one year as Technical Director of the summer theatre productions. Mr. Foster received his B.F.A. in Scenic Design from North Carolina School of Performing Arts. Following graduation he has worked as a scenic carpenter for Design Associates, Property Master for Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, 6 Flags in St. Louis, and is presently in New York.



**Sarajune Owen**  
**Ballet Mistress**  
**for Apprentice Company**

Studied with Marie Buczkowski, South Bend, Indiana...cast in numerous musicals at Maryville College...Advanced Teaching Certificate from Dance Educators of America...choreographed several adult and children's theatre musical productions...danced leading roles in major ballets, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Witch Boy of Bald Mountain* and *The Feud*...studied at Royal Academy of Dance in London.



**Kathrine Dorner**  
**Business Manager**

Received BS from Maryville College, MS from University of Tennessee. Currently teaching English at Maryville High School. Has been involved in many phases of ballet production and has appeared in "The Boy Friend" and "Cinderella." Part of the duties as business manager includes researching and applying for grants to help underwrite costs of ballet performances.



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The Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet depends entirely on ticket revenue and contributions from patrons for its livelihood. It has no paid employees, but even with all the essential services and hundreds of hours of time being donated, the company annually must face expenses of \$15,000 or more. Ticket sales cannot generate that amount of money and the company must depend on gifts from the community. If you share Maryville-Alcoa Civic Ballet's goals of excellence, or feel its continued financial health will benefit the community, we encourage you to become a Benefactor (\$50), Patron (\$25), or a Friend (\$10).

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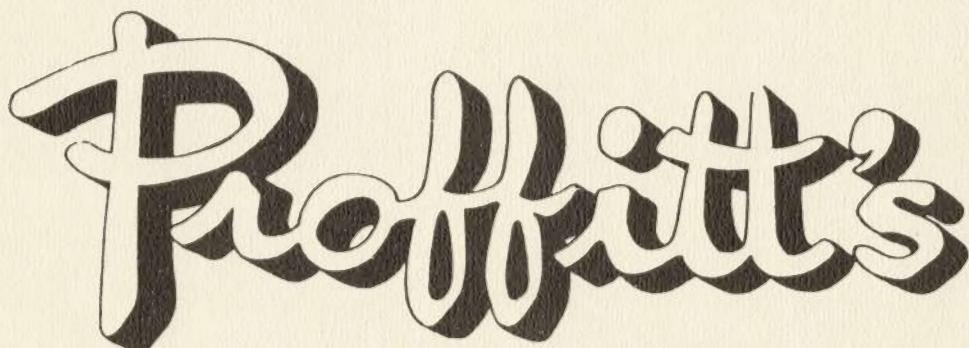
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